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# A SUGGESTED FORM OF SERVICE

— FOR —

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

— OR FOR —

## The School Day Preceding November 11th

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

November 11th is observed as Remembrance Day, a solemn national occasion. As it is a public holiday it is not possible to have it fittingly observed in school, except by a service arranged for the preceding day, November 10th.

A form of service is supplied in this leaflet. This, or a programme adapted to local customs and conditions, may be used, with the laying of wreaths, and a formal address, if desired. The observances may be held in the classroom or the assembly hall, or around the flagpole in the school grounds. Where there is a civic War Memorial near the school it might serve as a meeting place and help to emphasize the special meaning of the occasion.

I hope that a Service of Remembrance will be held in every school in Ontario and that it will serve as a reminder of the real meaning of Remembrance Day — the remembrance of those who have given their lives in the service of their country.

W. J. Dennis

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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HYMN ..... O God Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER ..... The Lord's Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING ..... .... Ecclesiasticus, chapter XLIV (The Apocrypha)

Let us now praise famous men,
And our Fathers that begat us.
The Lord hath wrought great glory by them,
Through his great power from the beginning.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,
Men renowned for their power,
Giving counsel by their understanding,
And declaring prophecies:
Leaders of the people by their counsels,
And by their knowledge of learning meet for the people,
Wise and eloquent in their instructions,
Such as found out musical tunes,
And recited verses in writing.
Rich men furnished with ability,
Living peaceably in their habitations.
All these were honoured in their generations,
And were the glory of their times.
There be of them, that have left a name behind them,
That their praises might be reported.
And some there be, which have no memorial,
Who are perished as though they had never been,

And are become as though they had never been born,
And their children after them.
But these were merciful men,
Whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.
With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance,
And their children are within the covenant.
Their seed stands fast,
And their children for their sakes.
Their seed shall remain for ever,
And their glory shall not be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
But their name liveth for evermore.

## SENTENCES OF REMEMBRANCE

In this Remembrance Day Service

**Let us remember** all those who laid the foundations of our land; the discoverers and explorers who led the way from France and from the British Isles to the new continent; the pioneer settlers and their wives who made the first homes in this new land and raised their families in the face of every difficulty and danger; the men who cleared the farms, laid out the roads, and established schools and churches; the men who, advancing always into the wilderness, extended the areas of settlement and endured all the hardships which fall to the lot of those who lead the way for others to follow.

**Let us remember** all those who have done their part in the growth of our land; the statesmen here and in the Mother Country who set up our system of government; the leaders and members of our parliaments all through the years who have created a wise system of laws under which we may live happily and peacefully; the builders of the railways which linked together our scattered provinces to make a united nation; and all the workers who by their labours on the farms or in the forests, mines, and factories have developed and enriched our country.

**Let us remember** all those who have served, through the years of our history, in the armed forces either to defend our country or to preserve its peace, — in the militia units of the war of 1812; in the troubles of 1837, when both the opposing parties from their own points of view were interested in good government, its preservation or its improvement; in the Fenian raids and in the enforcement of law and order in Western Canada; in the company of Canadian voyageurs, who helped in the transport of Imperial forces up the Nile to relieve Khartoum; in the Canadian contingent to assist the British forces in South Africa; in greater numbers and under Canadian command in two world wars; in United Nations forces in Korea and in preserving order in other troubled parts of the world; and in Nato forces now serving overseas as a first line of defence for Canada.

**Let us remember** particularly the men who laid down their lives for their country, who died in far places, some of them having no memorial, and especially let us remember those who died in two World Wars whose names are inscribed on the Honour Roll of this school. (*Here the names may be read, and a period of silence observed.*)

HYMN ..... O Valiant Hearts*

SENTENCES OF THANKSGIVING

**Let us be grateful** for all the blessings which we enjoy in this land, for the comforts and plenty which come to us from the labour of others in farm and factory, and from peaceful trade with other nations.

**Let us be thankful** for the great freedoms which we have inherited from the wise planning of those who have gone before us; for freedom of speech and religion, for freedom from want and fear, and all that this means in a troubled world.

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*Words and Music for this hymn are to be found in *Songs of the Commonwealth* (Gordon V. Thompson Ltd.), or in several Church Hymnals.

**Let us be thankful** for the history and traditions of the two nations, Britain and France, which have now been united for two hundred years in Canada, and for the contributions to our culture which the peoples of other lands have made, who have come to us more recently of their own free choice.

**Let us be thankful** for the democratic way of life which provides for all a part in the government of our country and places an unlimited opportunity for advancement and success within the reach of each one of us.

**Let us be thankful** for the citizenship which is our privilege, remembering that it has been won at a great price and must be defended, and remembering that citizenship means equality for every race and colour and creed of all those who are proud to call themselves Canadians.

HYMN ..... O Canada

or Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

SENTENCE OF DEDICATION

Remembering all those who have gone before, whose lives were devoted to the service of our country, and all the benefits and privileges which we enjoy in this great land,

**Let us all pledge ourselves** to be worthy of our high citizenship, to be ready at all times to defend it, and to live all our lives in such a way as to keep our country great and free, respected and beloved throughout the world. May God help us and keep us in this intention. Amen.

HYMN ..... GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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